

Morgantown Green Team Meeting Agenda for October 3, 2013

Attendees: Lisa Lagana, Trevor Lloyd, Steve Woodruff, Bill Kawecki, Aaron Sutch

Summary of Action Items:

- *We need someone to take the lead on helping GT facilitate a way for downtown business to recycle more than cardboard*
- *The Coalition for Reliable Power is looking to help folks who have received outrageously high electric bills due to multiple months of estimates from Mon Power and would like to plan a workshop to help residents. If you are interested contact info@forreliablepower.com*
- *Action still needed on moving "idea hopper" idea forward*
- *Looking to plan next Green Team Social event*

Meeting Minutes:

- Approval of last month's meeting minutes.
- Farmers Market: Lisa Lagana of the Morgantown Farmers Market gave the following updates:
 - This season has been successful with growth in visitors and vendors
 - The pavilion structure has been a key to success and will soon add a culinary station and restrooms
 - The market's winter schedule is being planned for every other week at the Wesley United Methodist Church (top of High Street)- stay tuned for updates
- Events and outreach
 - Green Night at the Library
 - Tree Planting Workshop 11:00 am-12:30 PM October 12
 - November – Home energy efficiency and weatherization
 - January – Recycling;
 - April – Resource Fair with Lisa Lagana
 - Morgantown Water Festival Organized by Friends of Deckers Creek: Saturday 10/5/13
 - Trevor will update Morgantown Green Team Website
- Energy

- WVU has house competing in Solar Decathlon
- Energy Efficiency Training
 - WVU sponsored event on weatherization Saturday 9-4pm and Sunday 1-4pm (Chris Haddox is lead)
 - The Mountain Institute is proposing and energy efficiency training for City employee to help reduce the City energy expenditures
- City is still working on connecting Farmers Market solar online production software for the public to get real time data
- Jim Kotcon reported that First Energy has offered a settlement in the First Energy Harrison plant acquisition case. As per the settlement (which as yet to be approved by the PSC) First Energy would still buy the capacity of the Harrison plant but at a reduced price. They would also institute some energy efficiency programs.
- **Over the past year, the West Virginia Public Service Commission has received more than 800 complaints and requests for assistance related to Mon Power billing practices. The [Coalition for Reliable Power](#) is looking to help folks who have received outrageously high electric bills due to multiple months of estimates from Mon Power and would like to plan a workshop to help residents. If you are interested contact info@forreliablepower.com**
- Trevor Lloyd updated on LED street lights and City Vehicle fleet efficiency
 - Data collected on LED streetlights performance points to similar or diminished performance compared less-expensive Sodium Halide technology- recommendations is to not adopt LED lights until technology due to cost vs performance data.
 - City will revisit within a few year as LED technology becomes less expensive
 - The current data collection system for City vehicles would make a fleet efficiency analysis too time-consuming and would produce incomplete data.

- Trevor recommends waiting on this until a new data collection system is installed (should be within years)
 - Editor's Note: Are there some best practices for fuel efficiency that City is already using?
- General discussion and ongoing initiatives
 - Recycling for Downtown businesses still an issue
 - **We need someone to take the lead on helping GT facilitate a way for downtown business to recycle more than cardboard.**
 - "Green Welcome brochure" that would direct new residents to all 'green' opportunities has been discussed
 - Discussion centered on if this can already be incorporated into the City website
 - Is it cost-effective to print out a brochure
 - **We still need someone to spearhead idea hopper**
 - We would like to plan next Green Team Social event
 - A Green Drinks event with a presentation of GT accomplishments would be appropriate
 - Aaron will follow up with Tara Steed of Downstream Strategies